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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT TRADE MISSION TO
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

1. THE VICTORIAN CHAMBER OF MANUFACTURES IS PLEASED WITH THE GOA ANNOUNCEMENT OF A GOVERNMENT TRADE MISSION TO THE PRC. THE EXECUTIVE THINKS IT IS PROBABLY GOOD THAT IT WILL BE LED BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE AND SECONDARY INDUSTRY, DR. JIM CAIRNS, AND ASSISTED BY D. H. MCKAY, SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE. THE KEY BUSINESSMEN ON THE MISSION ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE VICTORIAN CHAMBR OF MANUFACTURERS AND THEY WERE PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT THE BUSINESS INTERESTS GROUP WILL BE LED BY CHAMBER MEMBER AND BHP CHAIRMAN SIR IAN MCLENNAN. US OFFICIALS WILL BE INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING NOTES CONCERNING THE BUSINESSMEN ON THE MISSION BEYOND THE INFORMATION ALREADY AVAILABLE IN WHO'S WHO IN AUSTRALIA:

A. NAME AND ORGANIZATION: SIR IAN MCLENNAN, CHAIRMAN, THE BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY CO LTD. HEADQUARTERS: MELBOURNE. BRIEF
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DESCRIPTION: SIR IAN IS AN ENGINEER BY PROFESSION AND WILL HEAD THE BUSINESS INTERESTS OF THE MISSION.

B. TBC BELL, GENERAL MANAGER, NATIONAL BANK OF AUSTRALASIA LTD. MELBOURNE. BANKER.

C. NORMAN C COLES, CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR CJ COLES AND CO LTD. MELBOURNE. ONE OF THE LARGEST OPERATORS OF SUPERMARKETS AND VARIETY STORES THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA.

D. A GRIMWADE, CHAIRMAN, KEMPTHORNE MISTRAL LTD. MELBOURNE. A PARENT COMPANY FOR VARIOUS FIRMS INVOLVED IN DISTRIBUTING AND MANUFACTURING ELECTRONIC, ELECTRIC LIGHTING, STEEL PRODUCTS, AS WELL AS DISTRIBUTORS OF MANY PRODUCTS INCLUDING SONY AND OTHER JAPANESE WARES.

E. D J HIBBERD, CHAIRMAN, COMALCO LTD. MELBOURNE. MANAGEMENT HOLDING COMPANY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF INTEGRATED ALUMINUM PRODUCTS WITH 45 PERCENT EACH OWNERSHIP DIVIDED BETWEEN KAISER ALUMINUM OF US AND CONZINC RIONTO OF AUSTRALIA, LTD REMAINDER PUBLIC SHAREHOLDERS. HIBBERD IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

F. JJ KIBEL, DIRECTOR OF SERVIAN INDUSTRIES. MELBOURNE. MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF MACHINERY AND CAPITAL GOODS AND, WITH HIS BROTHERS, LONG INVOLVED IN TRADE WITH CHINA.

G. K B MYER, CHAIRMAN, MYER EMPORIUM LTD. MELBOURNE. LARGEST RETAIL DEPARTMENT STORE CHAIN IN AUSTRALIA. MR MYER CAME OUT FOR THE ALP IN THE LAST ELECTION.

H. G H MITCHELL, MANAGING DIRECTOR, GH MITCHELL AND SONS PTY LTD. ADELAIDE. TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS.

I. H C SCHMIDT, GENERAL MANAGER. ELDER SMITH GOLDSBROUGH MORT LTD. ADELAIDE. INVOLVED IN WOOL BROKERAGE, REAL ESTATE, SHIPPING AND TRANSPORTATION, INSURANCE ETC.

J. K W EDWARDS, GENERAL MANAGER, WESTRALIAN FARMERS, COOPERATIVE LTD. PERTH.

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PTY LTD. PERTH

I. R G JACKSON, GENERAL MANAGER, THE COLONIAL SUGAR REFINING
CO LTD. SYDNEY. SUGAR GROWERS AND MILLERS

M. H M KNIGHT, DEPUTY GOVERNOR, RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA.
SYDNEY.

2. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE MINISTER CAIRNS' S STATEMENT
THAT THE MISSION WILL HAVE A DUAL PURPOSE; SIR IAN MCLENNAN
WILL BE LEADING THE TALKS INVOLVING THE BUSINESS INTERESTS,
WHILE HE WILL BE ATTENDING TO OTHER DISCUSSIONS AND
NEGOTIATIONS WHILE IN THE PRC.

3. THE VICTORIAN CHAMBER OF MANUFACTURES HAS FOR THE PAST YEAR
BEEN ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH A FORUM FOR AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSMEN
DEALING WITH THE PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THESE ACTIV-
ITIES CULMINATED IN AN INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN-
PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC OF CHINA BUSINESS COOPERATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD IN SYDNEY ON MARCH 14 WHICH FOMALLY ELECTED AN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND POLICIES FOR FUTURE
TRADE AND CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH THE PRC. THE LUNCHEON MEETING
WAS ALSO ADDRESSED BY DR STEPHEN FITZGERALD, AUSTRALIAN
AMABSSADOR DESIGNATE TO THE PRC. IAN MAPHEE, DIRECTOR
OF THE VICTORIAN CHAMBER OF MANUFACTURES, CONVENED THE
MEETING ON BEHALF OF THE AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY IN GENERAL IN
ORDER TO GIVE AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSMEN A BETTER UNDER-
STANDING OF DOING BUSINESS WITH THE PRC.

4. THOSE ELECTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WERE:.

OFFICE NAME AND ORGANIZATION

PRESIDENT, K P MCGUINNESS MANAGING DIRECTOR, SIMS CONSOLIDATED
LTD. SYDNEY

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, SIR REGINAL REED, GOVERNING DIRECTOR,
JAMES PATRICK AND CO PTY LTD, SYDNEY

DEPUTY PRESIDENT, C H RENNIE, MANAGING DIRECTOR, AUSTRALIAN
AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUPLTD. MELBOURNE

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT, JOHN BROINOWSKI, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, DARLING
AND CO. SYDNEY

COMMITTEE MEMBER, MARK KIBEL, CHAIRMAN SERVIAN INDUSTRIES
PTY LTD. MELBOURNE

COMMITTEE MEMBER, CHARLES GRAHAM, MANAGER- PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT TUBEMAKERS OF AUSTRALIA LTD. SYDNEY.
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